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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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**Period for Reply**

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) 5-9 and 14-18 is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1,2,10 and 11 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) 3,4,12 and 13 is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 9/24/03 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040326, 20030924.  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Isoda (US 2001/0028047, hereafter Isoda).

With respect to claim 1, Isoda discloses a stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image converter panel and a detecting means to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises: an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light (fig. 2, element 17), and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light (fig. 2, element 14).

As to claims 2 and 11, Isoda discloses that at least one reflecting layer (fig. 2, element 14) is in the path of stimulated emission along which the stimulated emission propagates behind a face of the optical element upon which the stimulated emission impinges first in the stimulating light cut filter (fig. 2, element M).

As to claim 10, Isoda discloses a radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting means (fig. 1, element 20) for detecting stimulated emission (fig. 2, element M) from a radiation image converter panel upon exposure to a line-like

stimulating light beam (fig. 2, element L), and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image converter panel through an imaging optical system (fig. 2, element 30), wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light (fig. 2, element 17) and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light (fig. 2, element 14) is disposed between the panel and detecting means.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 5-9 and 14-18 are allowed.

Claims 3, 4, 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art found does not disclose the specified arrangement of elements, nor does it disclose a plurality of any of the individual elements in the stimulating light cut filter.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher G. Webb whose telephone number is (571) 272-8449. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM - 5:30PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David P. Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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